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CAR PARK CAMERA 'INTRUSION' FEARS

Report by **Henry James**

Residents claim new system goes against government guidance and will cause chaos for motorists

A CAMERA–based car park charge enforcement system which is being introduced to an area of Ormskirk town centre has been slammed as "intrusive" by drivers in the town.

ParkingEye Solutions, who are taking over the operation of part of the Two Saints car park in Ormskirk from West Lancs Council, will use cameras to monitor the facility.

Under the scheme, which started yesterday (Tuesday, August 13) a photograph will be taken as soon as every vehicle enters the car park.

But angry drivers say it flies in the face of new guidance issued by the government this week advising that cameras should only be used "for a specific purpose and to address a pressing need."

They fear many motorists could be caught out by the new system and could face hefty fines and there are further worries about the site being operated for 24 hours a day.

While the first hour's parking will be free there will be charges for two and three–hour stays, and blue badge holders will also be charged. It will be operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

One resident, who preferred not to be named, told the Champion: "This system will cause absolute chaos and I believe a lot of people will be caught out by it and face a fine. People should be warned to be very careful."

Another resident, David Newton, added: "I understand that new guidance issued by the government advises that cameras should only be used for a specific purpose and to address a pressing need. I doubt that either of these reasons can be justified.

"There is no specific purpose for these changes as the current sytem works well.

Unnecessary

"I have used this car park regularly – weekly or more frequently – since the very first day it was built and have seldom had problems parking there since there is always a good turnover of vehicles leaving, so there can be no pressing need.

"This unnecessary intrusion is extended when ParkingEye Solutions contacts the DVLA to trace the registered owner of a car.

"This car park used to be free on a Sunday and after 6pm in the week. I can't believe it is now going to be a 24–hour car park."

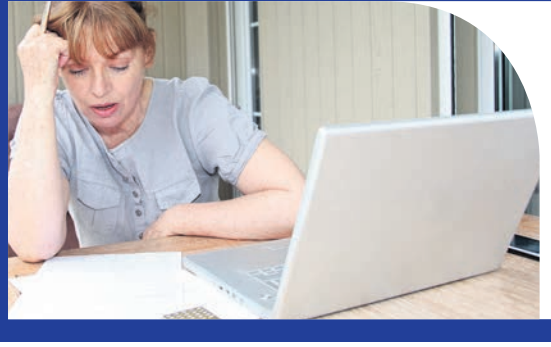
The car park area behind Tesco's will continue to be operated by the council and there will be no change to parking charges, operational hours and length of stay on that area.

The two areas are being separated with barriers erected ansd it will no longer be possible to drive between the two car parks.

Councillor Martin Forshaw, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for planning, said: "The changes are being introduced by the owner of the Two Saints car park, not by the council, and we want to try to ensure car park users are aware of the new regulations."

A spokesman for ParkingEye Solutions said it is a standard system which operates across the country. He added that the car park is very busy and they hope to create more spaces, which will mean that more people will go to the shops.

Two Saints Retail car park.



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Edge Hill's key role in TV sitcom star's career

Report by **Henry James**

'I learned so much which has helped me get where I am today'

A COMEDY actress whose face has become familiar to TV sitcom fans in the last four years has told how Edge Hill University had a major impact on her career – even though she had never even heard of Ormskirk before she went there!

Kerry Howard, best known for her roles as Laura in the popular BBC Three comedy series, Him & Her and Vicki in the 2009 BBC 1 sitcom, Reggie Perrin, admits that she came to her professon almost by chance after a last–minute decision to enrol on a drama course at Edge Hill.

The 30–year–old, set to star in a new Sky sitcom, Give Out Girls, said: "I wasn't expected to get the grades to go to university but, much to everyone's surprise – including mine – I did quite well in my A–Levels.

"I hadn't even applied to uni but suddenly everyone was talking about clearing. I'd always been interested in drama, so my mum and my cousin got on the phone and started ringing round. I went out and by the time I came back I was enrolled on a drama course at Edge Hill."

Two weeks later, a slightly apprehensive Kerry travelled 200 miles from her home in Somerset to Ormskirk, a place she'd never heard of, to start a degree she didn't know much about.

She added: "I was quite conflicted because I'd never been away from home before, but Edge Hill was perfect for me. I'm a country girl at

Kerry Howard **Code NA**

heart and I think a big metropolitan university would have completely overwhelmed me. Edge Hill felt manageable. You were near Manchester and Liverpool so you could experience a bit of city life – but you weren't right in it.

"My parents were pleased I was getting a degree but I don't think they thought acting was a serious career. My mum made costumes for the local amateur dramatic club, so me and my brothers always had bit parts in pantomimes, and I was in school plays, but I'd never had lead roles. No–one had ever picked me out as a future star or anything.

"It wasn't until I got to Edge Hill that I discovered my voice as an actor and met people who encouraged me and told me I was good enough. I learned so much, about playing characters and about writing comedy, which has helped me get where I am today. It really was the best three years of my life."

After graduation Kerry moved to London to look for work. Like many aspiring actors, she took unpaid acting jobs, did open mic slots and worked as an extra to make ends meet and get her name known. Her big break came in 2009 when she was cast as Martin Clunes' receptionist in the re–make of the 1970s hit comedy, Reggie Perrin.

After that Kerry was offered the role of Laura in BBC Three's, Him & Her, now on its fourth series. Since then she has appeared in Channel 4's Comedy Showcase and Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps on BBC Two. She also recently made her movie debut in British comedy, I Give it a Year, starring Rafe Spall, Minnie Driver and Stephen Merchant.

Kerry's pilot sketch show, Kerry, will be shown on BBC Three this month.

Mere's new attraction has the WoW factor

The new bridge structure at Martin Mere as part of the Weird or Wonderful development **Code NA**

A NEW development celebrating bird shapes, sounds and characteristics has opened at Martin Mere.

The Weird or Wonderful (WoW) development is in the Australasia section of the waterfowl gardens at the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust nature reserve at Burscough.

It includes a new bridge structure over the lake, three new separate exhibits housing cereopsis, magpie geese and screamers, and a walk–in crowned crane aviary featuring free–flying avocets, white–backed ducks and white–faced whistling ducks.

The aim of the exhibit is to allow visitors to engage with weird and wonderful wetland birds and get them asking questions.

Centre manager, Nick Brooks, said: "The exhibits showcase amazing wetland birds with weird and wonderful adaptations and behaviours.

"We have identified some of the most weird and wonderful wetlands birds such as crowned cranes, hooded mergansers, black swans, cereopsis, and magpie geese and have brought them together into a set of exhibits to showcase these amazing features and to explain their function.

"This is going to be a great addition to WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre."

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Aughton green belt protesters march on council offices

Report by **Henry James**

MORE than 50 members of the Keep Aughton Green Campaign group marched on West Lancs Borough Council offices to protest against Parrs Lane being included in the Local Plan, which they believe could lead to up to 500 homes being built on the site.

There also do not want the green belt status removed from the lane and understand this could happen within the next few weeks.

The protesters met at Coronation Park last Friday afternoon (August 9) before marching through Ormskirk town centre to the Derby Street council offices where they handed in forms to the council.

Lindsey Holland, from Keep Aughton Green, said: "We want to protect the green belt status and are against the land being placed in the Local Plan. These plans seem to have gone under the radar. The council has not discussed them with the local people. Not a lot of residents knew about this.

"We had a meeting at Aughton Village Hall to discuss our plans and 160 people turned up – more than double the capacity of the room."

The group believe that once green belt status is removed, the fields on the north side of Parrs Lane will be 'safeguarded' in case they are needed for housing.

Lindsay added: "They have completely overlooked the rural value of the land. The biodiversity in those fields is significant. It's lunacy to remove the green belt status of the land at Parrs Lane at this stage.

"Safeguarding it means nothing. It doesn't make it safe – it does the opposite.

"We've seen plans for a Wainhomes housing estate between Parrs Lane and Prescot Road. Redrow have drawn up a plan for another 200 homes in the fields towards Long Lane.

"West Lancs Council have told us that Parrs Lane won't be developed unless their Plan A sites fail to meet housing targets. Parrs Lane is part of the back–up plan, but as soon as they remove its green belt status it will be very vulnerable to development.

"Aughton is a desirable place to live and developers are keen to build here because property prices are quite high. Local residents have lost all faith in their borough and parish councillors. We simply don't believe it when the council say that the development might not happen, the evidence is very compelling that it will.

"A lot of our campaigners are asking why the council have developed a Local Plan in which they clearly have so little confidence. They're re–drawing green belts across the borough 'just in case' their main plan doesn't work.

"We will continue to protest – with ribbons, posters, petitions, letters – whatever it takes –in the hope that the borough council will find a way to keep the Parrs Lane green belt.

"We have a huge amount of support for the campaign. People have really come together and there's a palpable sense of community here now. Our procession through Ormskirk was just the beginning."

A spokeswoman for the council responded: "The council received a large number of representations on the main modifications to the Local Plan from a wide range of interested parties before the deadline passed at 5pm on August 9.

"These representations are currently being collated and will be shared with the Local Plan's inspector imminently for his consideration."

The loss of the green belt protesters outside the West Lancashire Council Offices in Ormskirk. **Code1061305**

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Council staff to quit Investment Centre to make way for businesses

Report by **Henry James**

THE West Lancashire Investment Centre has proved such a success with local businesses that council staff have had to move out.

The council has said that the centre, based on the White Moss Business Park in Skelmersdale, is proving to be popular among businesses and six new companies have taken up occupancy since January.

A council spokesman said: "Staff are being moved from the West Lancashire Investment Centre to its offices at Derby Street.

"The Investment Centre was designed and built to support the growth of local businesses by providing good–quality managed office space at competitive prices.

"Currently the centre is taking new enquiries several times each week and there have been six new businesses taking up occupancy since January – and another new tenant is expected to move into the centre in the next couple of weeks.

"Running costs and business rates are already paid on the council offices at Derby Street so, as well as providing valuable additional office space to local businesses, there is a potential for savings to be made and income to be generated by letting the space vacated at the Investment Centre."

Scott Hunter (third left) and Mike Houghton (second left) with fellow technicians Mark James and John Eccles Code NA

Motor firm duo achieve industry award standard

THE teams at Ormskirk and Skelmersdale Vauxhall retailer, 06 Vauxhall, are celebrating after two members of staff achieved their ATA Accreditation.

Motor technicians, Scott Hunter and Mike Houghton from the dealership's sites in Ormskirk and Skelmersdale respectively, have become the latest team members to achieve this standard.

The ATA (Automotive Technician Accreditation) is a national voluntary scheme which tests the competence of individuals working in the retail motor industry.

To receive the award, Scott and Mike had to pass a combination of knowledge and practical assessments, as well as agreeing to abide by an ethical code of conduct.

John Dickson, managing director, commented: "We are extremely proud of Scott and Mike. This is brilliant news for both ourselves and our customers. Mike is helping us take our Skelmersdale site from strength to strength and Scott is one of only two motor technicians in the area to attain this status and we are lucky enough to have them both working at 06 Vauxhall.

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In the doghouse!

MP slams council over unemptied dog dirt bins

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancs Council has been accused of 'falling foul' of its own guidelines by leaving dog waste bins unemptied for days.

The accusation has been made by MP Rosie Cooper following complaints by dog owners about the dog waste bins in Beacon Country Park in Up Holland.

Ms Cooper said responsible dog owners have been cleaning up after their pets only to find the waste bins in the park overflowing and out of use.

And the Labour MP has written to the borough council urging them to take action to deal with the mess.

She said: "West Lancashire Borough Council's website states 'there is no excuse not to clean up after your dog' and that they 'take a hard line against offenders.'

"It seems the borough council is falling foul of its own instructions by leaving dog waste bins overflowing for days on end.

A bin in Beacon Country Park from August 8 Code NA

Unhygienic

"During the summer months, thousands of dog owners across West Lancashire head out into our local parks to take their dogs for a walk and it is the borough council's responsibility to ensure bins can be used and are not overflowing.

"Overflowing dog waste is unsightly and unhygienic and I urge West Lancashire Borough Council to take swift action to clean up this problem.

"Is this what it has come to? What a disgrace!"

A council spokeswoman responded: "During the summer months we empty the dog waste bins at Beacon Country park twice a week as we appreciate that the park is busy during the holiday period.

"Due to the good weather we've had recently, an increased number of dog owners have been using the park.

"We will continue to empty the bins regularly. If a dog owner finds a dog waste bin is full, the responsible approach is to take the waste home."

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Parks retain prestigious Green Flag Awards

Report by **Henry James**

TWO parks in West Lancashire have kept their places among the best in the country.

Beacon Country Park in Up Holland and Coronation Park in Ormskirk have retained their Green Flag Awards, which recognises excellence in the management of public space.

This is the seventh successive year Beacon Country Park has retained this prestigious status, and the sixth year for Coronation Park.

The Green Flag award scheme, co–ordinated by Keep Britain Tidy, recognises and rewards the best green spaces in the country.

The council says staff work hard all year round to ensure the parks are maintained to a high standards and are places that the public will enjoy visiting.

Councillor David Sudworth, portfolio holder for health and leisure, said: "This is great news that Beacon Country Park and Coronation Park have retained their Green Flag status again this year. Receiving such recognition from national experts is a real tribute to the hard work of the council staff who do a tremendous job of making our parks such wonderful places to visit.

"The staff won't be resting on their laurels and will continue their efforts in providing a great service. They will be working hard to maintain the high standards necessary to keep these awards and make our parks places that West Lancashire people to be proud of."

Council staff and officials celebrate the Green Flag Awards at Coronation Park Code NA

Specials Twitter account launched

A TWITTER account has been launched by Lancashire's Special Constabulary to allow residents of the county to keep up–to–date with the work of the volunteer officers.

The account, which can be followed at @LancsSCCOTeam, will be updated by the Special Constabulary's chief officer team.

It will include updates on the work they have been involved in, photos, events, training, news and achievements as well as Special Constabulary recruitment opportunities and recruitment events.

Nigel Walters, the chief officer of Lancashire's Special Constabulary, said: "Our Twitter account will give us the opportunity to keep members of the public informed about our policing and community activity.

"Last year around 400 Special Constabulary officers contributed more than 120,000 hours of volunteering, working alongside their regular police officer colleagues and police community support officers.

"The work of the Special Constabulary plays a vital role in the policing of Lancashire and this is a chance for the public to find out more about the work that we do."

Lancashire Constabulary has a total of 443 special constables. They have full police powers and perform the same duties as regular officers. These can range from general patrol to the policing of football matches and road traffic incidents.

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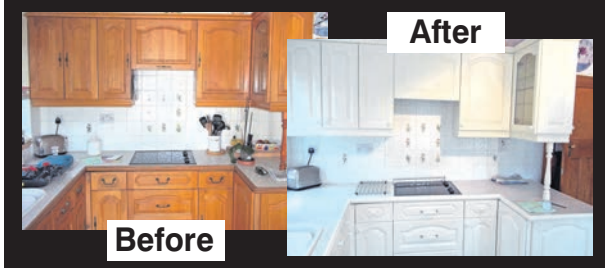

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Former police station to go under the hammer

The former police station on Liverpool Road, Burscough. **Code1061354**

THE former Burscough Police station is due to go under the hammer next month.

The station, on Liverpool Road North, was earmarked for the axe when Lancashire Constabulary was forced to find £42m worth of savings by government budget cuts and it was identified as being one of the county's less frequently visited front counters and police buildings.

It was closed following a three–month public consultation process that ended in September 2011.

Planning permission was granted last week for a change of use of the building to a residential property.

It is due to be auctioned in Liverpool on Tuesday, September 10 by Pugh property vendors and auctioneers.

Community work and ban for cyclist death driver

A MAN whose careless driving resulted in the death of a cyclist has been sentenced to 300 hours of unpaid community work.

Samuel Fawcett, 19, of Liverpool Road, Rufford, was sentenced at Preston Crown Court after being convicted of causing death by driving without due care and attention.

He was also disqualified from driving for two years.

The 56–year–old male victim died after he was hit by Fawcett's car while riding his bicycle along along Meadow Lane, Croston in March last year.

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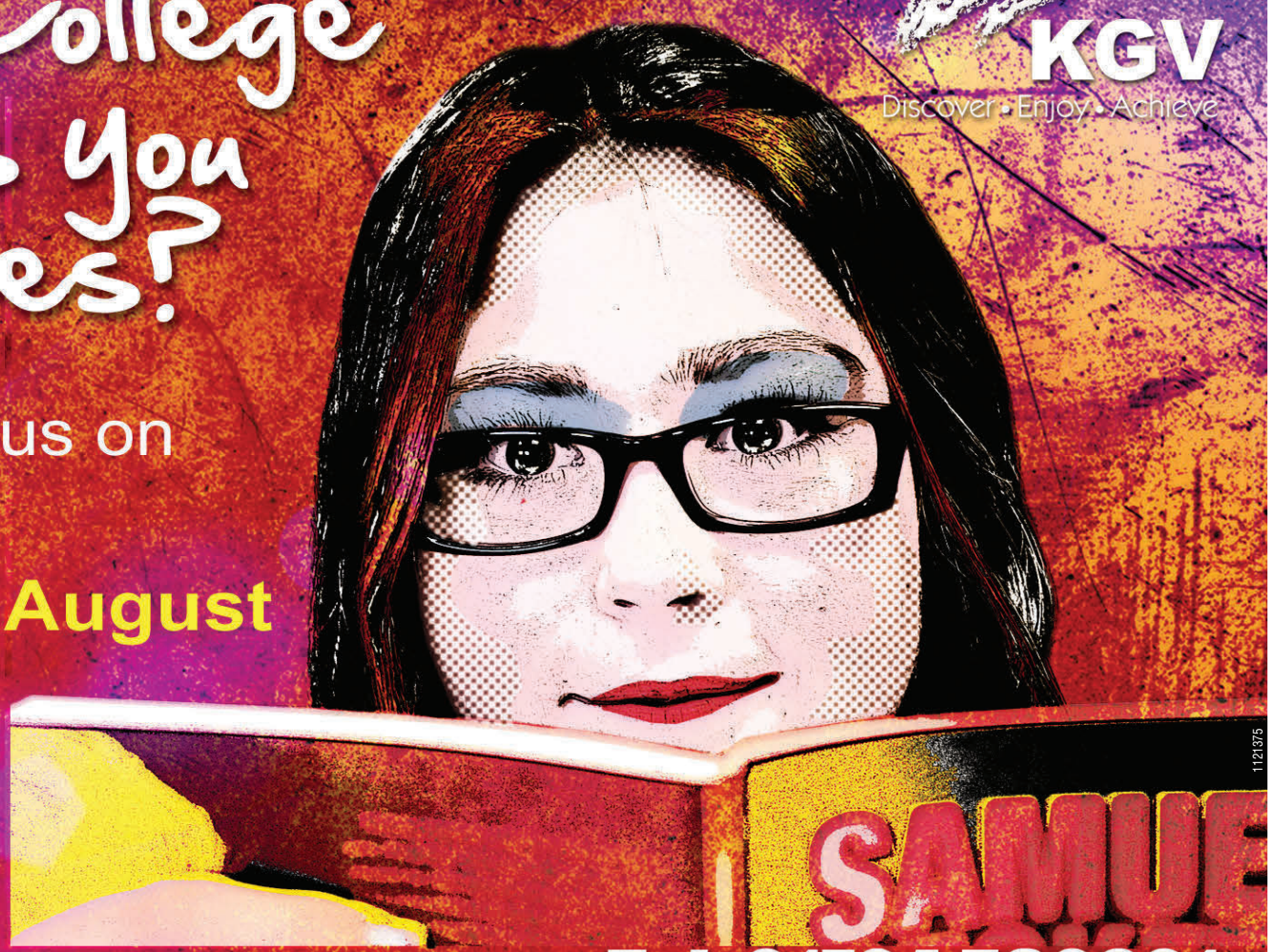

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Get on your bikes!

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

Families urged to harness pedal power to explore local attractions

FAMILIES are being urged to get on their bikes and explore the local sights and attractions by making use of a new cycle hire scheme being launched in the area.

Cycle hire docking stations have been installed in locations across the borough to encourage visitors and residents alike to sample the delights of West Lancashire and neighbouring Sefton.

New docking stations are at Park Pool in Ormskirk, Burscough Wharf and Burscough Leisure Centre, the Ship Public House in Lathom and the Riverside Caravan Park in Banks.

The scheme has been launched by Visit Sefton and West Lancashire, a partnership between the two borough councils. They are also looking at additional locations which may be suitable and are currently developing themed family–friendly cycle routes which will start and finish at the docking stations.

Bikes can be hired for £1 an hour, although a minimum six–hour initial purchase is required.

Councillor Martin Forshaw, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for planning and development, said: "We are pleased to be introducing the cycle hire docking stations in West Lancashire.

"These facilities link with attractions and transport interchanges and we hope residents and visitors will take advantage of the facilities and visit the many attractions available in West Lancashire and Sefton.

"The launch of these stations helps to showcase the fantastic work which is taking place between the councils in recent years."

Councillor John Fairclough, Sefton's cabinet member for transportation, said: "These docking stations should help visitors explore the many hidden gems which are available across both Sefton and West Lancashire.

"The existing cycle hire facilities in Southport have been successful for a number of years and these new facilities should increase take up even further."

Bikes can be taken from one docking station and deposited at any other in West Lancashire, providing there is space.

Helmets are not provided and people should bring their own if they want one. There is no legal requirement to wear a helmet when riding a bike on a public highway or footpath but cyclists are strongly recommended to do so.

Families are being encouraged to enjoy West Lancashire by bike. Code NA

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During hot weather many homes and businesses experience problems with crawling and flying insects, particularly wasps, flies and ants but the council offers an effective service to solve the problem quickly and cheaply.

Councillor David Sudworth, portfolio holder for health, said: "While most of us welcome the warm weather we have been having in recent weeks this can mean that unwanted pests visit our homes and businesses. If you are having problems then call our pest control team and they will be happy to assist you."

The council's trained and experienced officers will visit by appointment and assess the full extent of the insect problem.

Online booking is available at www.westlancs.gov.uk/pestcontrol 24 hours a day; or you can call 01695 577177 between 8.30am and 5.30pm.

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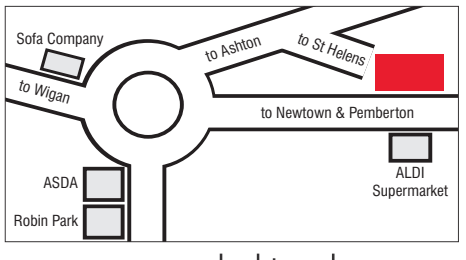

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Iraq veteran sets up forces charity

Former Irish Guardsman aims to help ex–servicemen and women adapt to life on Civvy Street

Report by **Henry James**

A FORMER Irish Guard who was in the front line during the invasion of Iraq in 2003 has set up a charity in West Lancashire to help ex–servicemen and women who are struggling to adapt to civilian life after leaving the armed services.

The group will be based in Skelmersdale Library and is run by Terry Devine, who was in the guards for 22 years.

Ex–service personnel can visit the library on Monday to Friday from 10am to 12pm to make use of the charity.

Terry believes the three main concerns will be housing, training and health.

The 46–year–old, who is from Skelmersdale, will be working closely with the Liverpool Veterans HQ.

He said: "There was no network set up in West Lancs for ex–servicemen. There were various small associations, but nothing big in the borough.

"This will be a 'one–stop shop' for former armed services personnel and we aim to sort out their problems.

"We will also provide a shoulder for them to cry on. They will be able to share stories too.

"It is a charity run by ex–servicemen for other ex–servicemen. It does not matter if they have been in the army, air force or navy."

There are 32,000 armed service veterans in the Merseyside area. Terry has been helped to set up the charity by Councillor Terry Alderidge who says he had been contacted by a number of ex–service personnel needing help. He will now refer them to Terry.

Obstacles

Mr Devine travelled all over the world with the guards, serving in Kosovo in 1999/2000 and also had three tours of Northern Ireland.

He left the services in 2006 and is only too aware of the obstacles faced by fellow former servicemen and women when returning to civilian life.

"When you serve in the armed forces you are regimentalised, but when you leave you lose this.

"In leaving you also lose your routine and you have to adapt. Some people can do this but others can't.

"A number of ex–servicemen have suffered from post traumatic disorder. They can have problems with their mind and body too and they could struggle to hold down a job, or have difficulties socially."

Former soldier Terry Devine at his base in Skelmersdale Library with librarian Noreen Martin and Councillor Terry Aldridge. Code1061303

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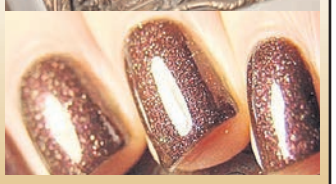

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Talent search set to return after success of inaugral event

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A SEARCH for talented performers in West Lancs that proved a big hit last year is all set to return.

The second Aughton's Got Talent competition is being launched by local duo, Dr David Gallagher and community champion, Eunice Woolf.

The event will be held at Aughton Village Hall on Saturday, September 21 and organisers are hoping to raise more than £1,000 for the Mayor of West Lancashire's charities, Queenscourt Hospice and The Stroke Association.

Eunice, who was awarded an MBE for outstanding services to the local community, said: ""As a former music teacher I'd like to think I am well placed to assess the standard of entrants.

"We are really looking forward to this year's event very much. It produced some very good musicians last year and also quite a variety. It will be very interesting to see who comes through this year."

David, who has organised music events since he was at college in Cambridge, was the driving force behind last year's event.

Having reached the boot camp stage of TV's X Factor competition in 2005, he has first–hand experience of the talent show format.

He said: "I'm really looking forward to the auditions which should be very exciting.

Organisers aiming to raise £1,000 for mayor's charities

"Also, I would like to stress that the contest is not just for people who live in Aughton but all the surrounding areas as well.

"And it's good that we are supporting the mayor's charities which are both fantastic causes."

Southport–based Queenscourt Hospice provides support for the people of Sefton and West Lancs, caring for patients with serious illnesses, enabling them to achieve the best possible quality of life, both in the hospice and at home.

The Stroke Association is the UK's leading charity supporting stroke survivors, their family, friends and carers across West Lancashire.

If you would like to audition for Aughton's Got Talent, contact David on 01695 421158.

Tickets for the event, priced at £10 for adults and £5 for children, are available from David or from Eunice on 01695 422482.

• Below: Eunice Woolf, Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Iain Ashcroft and Dr David Gallagher pictured at the launch of the second Aughton's Got Talent competition.

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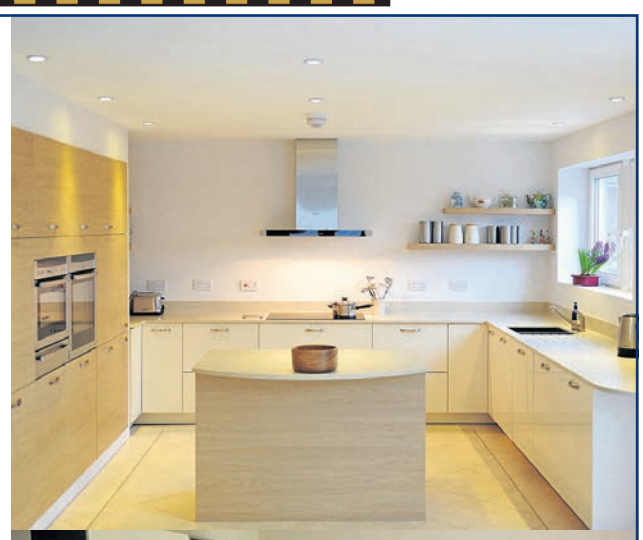

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Tracey is the 'face' of website praising benefits of TA link

Report by **Henry James**

A HEALTH service worker from Burscough features on a website promoting the benefits of combining a career with being a member of the Territorial Army.

Tracey Smith–Straney, a haematology laboratory manager at Aintree University Hospital, can be seen on the NHS Careers website which features a number of NHS staff giving their stories about how they became a reservist and the ways in which it has helped their career.

The 45–year–old said: "To be featured on the NHS Careers website and representing reservists working in the NHS is a true honour. I have received great support from various managers and colleagues in the NHS and think it is important to let other medical staff know how rewarding being a reservist can be, and how it can help their careers."

Tracey is now a major at 208 Field Hospital, which she has been a part of for the last 23 years. As well as having two operational tours of Afghanistan, Tracey has had the opportunity to travel across the globe, visiting Canada, France, Germany, Gibraltar and Holland.

Tracey Smith–Straney **Code NA**

She said: "One of the reasons I joined the TA was to gain a better network of people. You come in to contact with a lot of healthcare professionals in the TA, so it's been really beneficial for me and my job in the NHS. It's also been great in helping me keep fit and see more of the world."

Citing the benefits of being a reservist, Tracey said that the experience has also been particularly beneficial in helping with her management skills and knowing how to deal with conflict. It has also enhanced her skills for patient treatment, particularly regarding blood product use.

Catherine Beardshaw, chief executive at Aintree University Hospital, said: "We are very proud to have one of our staff flying the flag for Territorial Army reservists working in the NHS. Tracey's achievements are inspiring and I am sure she will encourage many others to join the TA."

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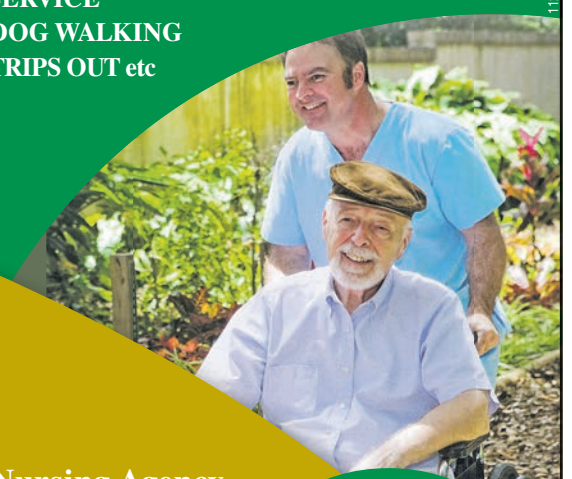
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Better trains are key to smoother ride

We are all pleased that Network Rail is to spend £13 million on the Southport–Wigan railway line (Champion, July 31) but to call it investment is typical of today's corporate–speak, often using half–truths and ego–boosting generalities.

All that is really happening is completion of replacing old jointed track with the now uncommon clickety–clack, with long–welded rail, a programme that has been gradually taking place for many years.

And to claim it will provide a more comfortable and reliable service is stretching it a bit far, the real reason is to reduce the cost of maintenance.

Long–welded rail, once installed, is cheaper to maintain.

Jointed track can give a smooth ride but only if maintained to a high standard which is more labour–intensive.

Uncomfortable

What would really help speed–up the service would be to remove the long–standing extremely low speed limit out of Southport, which is only 10mph, followed by 20mph all the way to Meols Cop.

Again, I suspect the main reason for it is to reduce the cost of maintenance, but what other busy route has trains going at such a slow speed?

It was nice to see Network Rail describing the Southport line as an important and busy route, 'one of our busiest' they claimed.

I think you may have got the wrong press release and they actually meant the West Coast main line from Wigan, not our own branch line, which is mostly run by Northern as an extension of Greater Manchester commuter services, often using the extremely uncomfortable four–wheel Pacer trains.

Better trains would give a smoother ride, whatever the track.

Mike Belshaw, address supplied

Puzzled by signs

The new 30mph speed limit in Scarisbrick is advertised by small, oblong red signs with even smaller white writing on. This appears a strange idea. Why not use the round signs with the number 30 on it – as per Highway Code – used on all the other West Lancs roads?

R. B., by email

PICTURE of the week

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Fifteen minutes well spent

That is the time suggested for those taking part in the Big Butterfly Count.

Now in its third year, the count, which ran from July to last weekend, encouraged folk to record how many butterflies they saw in 15 minutes.

Picture by Martyn Snape.

Code: 1061321.

Residents will suffer if late licence allowed

I wish to personally strongly object to the application for a 24–hour licence by the students union at Edge Hill for the bar on site.

Although I believe this may have now been changed to 2am midweek and 3am on Fridays and Saturdays, this is still unacceptable.

As all are aware other licensed premises have been denied opening till 3am, why should this premises therefore be allowed this?

The university and students union should be striving for sensible drinking.

There are severe problems in Ormskirk due to alcohol–fuelled incidents and an EMRO is under consideration.

What happens to the Silent Students Happy Homes (SSHH) campaign if this application were to be allowed?

I believe these opening hours encourage students to drink.

I thought they were at uni to study? Obviously not.

It appears the students union are not considering the health and wellbeing of their students but intent on making a 'fast buck or two' to the detriment of not only their own students, but also to residents in Ormskirk.

Residents will suffer longer and later hours of anti social behaviour if this application is allowed to go through.

Jane Thompson, Station Road, Ormskirk

Proud of our town

Having recently been visited by family from the south of England we found ourselves at a loss as to how to entertain them without it costing the earth.

The weather being kind that weekend we took our guests to wander around Ormskirk market and then went to Gorse Hill nature reserve where the staff were extremely helpful and knowledgeable regarding the wildlife.

On the Sunday we revisited Ormskirk where the vintage market was in full swing with music and an atmosphere of a beautiful summer day. Then we walked through to Coronation park and sat eating an ice cream, watching and listening to the melodious sounds of the brass band.

How proud I was to be from Ormskirk and our visitors went home with fond memories.

FB, by email

We need play areas and allotments not more houses

We fully suppport the view of Phil Lyon 'This new homes plan won't create any long–term jobs' (Letters, July 31).

Does Skelmersdale really need circa 630 new homes?

Where will these families come from and what new community facilities will be built to support them? Can local primary schools cope?

Will Ashurst Medical Centre cope?

The Tawd Valley Country Park, so called, is poorly–managed and maintained by West Lancs Council and much disrespected by some local people with off–road biking, fly–tipping and vandalism. What will happen to Tawd Valley and adjacent woodland when it comes under pressure from this additional housing?

The topography of the land in question slopes towards the Tawd and currently absorbs rainwater for slow release into the river. When covered with tarmac and concrete this will change and could cause flooding issues.

Wellbeing

It is proven that green spaces and access to the natural environment is good for the mental and physical wellbeing of those who use and respect it. Children and young people of all ages need space to play, explore and grow.

The idea of an extended park with specialist areas for different needs would be better than houses.

For example, a bike/skate park (not motor bikes) would meet the needs of many youngsters who currently dig up grass verges and lift paving slabs to try to create their own version to the detriment of the visual environment and health and safety of passers–by.

More than 100 Skelmersdale residents have their names on waiting lists for an allotment plot with little chance of getting one soon because of the dearth of allotments in West Lancashire.

When the national trend is for more people wanting to 'grow their own' WLBC admit they only meet 25% of the national average of 15 plots per 1,000 head of population. Skelmersdale has much green space, including the Whalleys, and allotments are much better for people's health and wellbeing than more houses.

But we forget – allotments don't make money for councils and developers!

T. Lake, local resident and secretary, West Lancashire Allotments Federation

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Summer lunch date for support group members

MEMBERS of the West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy group enjoyed a Summer Lunch event at Briars Hall, Lathom.

The group, under the umbrella of the British Lung Foundation, is part of a national network that provides support and information for people living with a lung condition, and for those who look after them.

Pat Ireland from the group said: "Members from both West Lancs and Southport attended and we had a really super time with excellent food and service and stunning value."

Meanwhile, the group's next public meeting will be held on Monday, August 19, starting at 11.15 am, at the Guide Headquarters, in Green Lane, Ormskirk.

Pat added: "Our topic at the next meeting will be community matrons, a service that is little known about but which is available to both our local communities.

"We think it will be really helpful for everyone with health issues to find out about this and we are looking forward to hearing our visiting speaker who is a community matron."

Members of the West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy group pictured at their Summer Lunch Code NA

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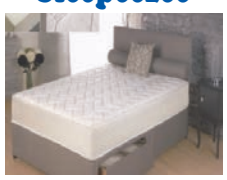

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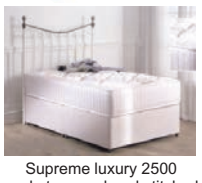

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Pals set to take plunge for charity

Report by Danielle Thompson

THIS is the time of the year when friends might be expected to be finalising plans for a summer holiday getaway.

But one adventurous group of pals from Sefton and West Lancs are busy plotting something altogether different – hurling themselves out of an aerolane at 12,000 feet!

The quartet – David Moss, 24, Paul Halton, 58 and Lesley Halton, 49, who all work at Burscough–based chemical agricultural company, Pro Camwork, plus David's girlfriend's mum, Jeanette Mather – are set to do a sponsored parachute jump over Grange over Sands, Cumbria on Sunday, August 25.

The group, who hope to raise more than £2,000 for Guide Dogs for the Blind, will be flying with Skydive North West, based at Cark Airfield, and will be jumping in tandem strapped to an instructor

Paul, from Burscough, said: "I have done a charity skydive before but that was 20 years ago, so I am nervous but very excited at the same time.

"We chose Guide Dogs for the Blind as one of my friends was on the list to get one of the dogs but the charity is struggling for funds and it takes a long time to train the dogs so there is a big waiting list.

"£2,000 is our initial target but really we are hoping to raise as much as possible."

Southport–based David added: "It's getting very close now and we are all getting excited about doing it."

IF you would like to donate to their appeal, contact David on 07710384566.

Sanctuary seeks homes for cats

KIND–hearted animal lovers are being asked to give a home to a furry friend.

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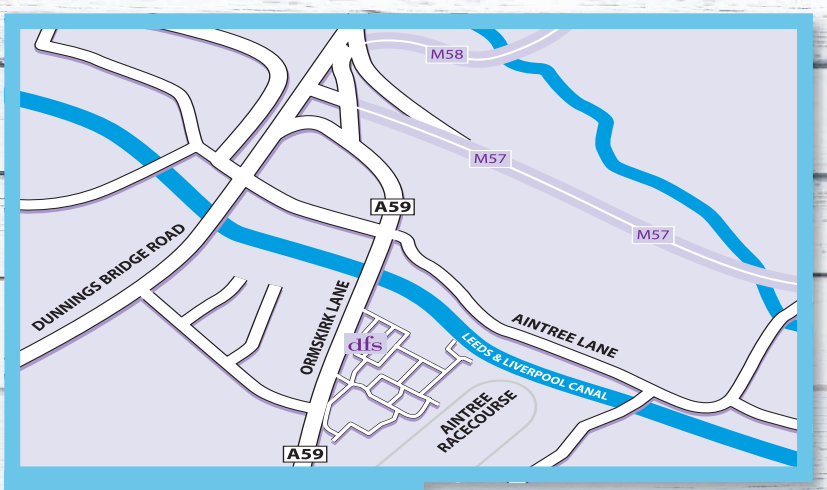

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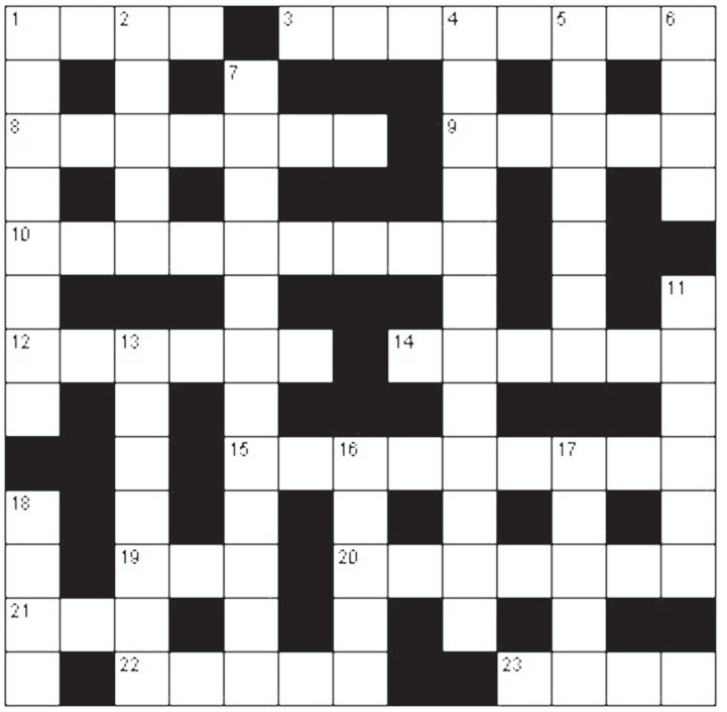

ACROSS
1. Dull pain (4)
3. Honoured poet (8)
8. Uncomfortable/ clumsy (7)
9. Professional cooks (5)
10. Large crest of water (5,4)
12. Under shelter (6)
14. Cut out the offensive part (6)
15. People who love being in the nude (9)
19. Measure of electrical current (3)
20. Strong smell (7)
21. Having been victorious (3)
22. Children's comic (5)
23. Bark high-pitched (4)

DOWN
1. Slaughterhouse (8)
2. Having hitched a lift (5)
4. Extorting money illegally (12)
5. Qualifications (1,6)
6. Simple (4)
7. Writing implement (9,3)
11. Organised in advance (6)
13. To break up (7)
16. Moderately inebriated (5)
17. Section of a play or film (5)
18. First light of day (4)

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Across: 1) Palm, 3) Stubborn, 9) Rumbled, 10) Sabre, 11) Disciplinary, 14) Sum, 16) Signs, 17) Ego, 18) Armistice Day, 21) Naomi, 22) Barbara, 23) Stingray, 24) Ahoy
Down: 1) Paradise, 2) Lambs, 4) Ted, 5) Business Card, 6) Osborne, 7) Noel, 8) Plain Sailing, 12) Legit, 13) Polygamy, 15) Marconi, 19) Death, 20) Ants, 22) Boa

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Church clean–up brigade

Father Godric Timney with members of the Prince's Trust team Code1060784

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A TEAM of volunteers from the Prince's Trust have helped to transform church grounds.

The 11 unemployed young people in the Ormskirk Team 3 rolled up their sleeves to make a difference to their local community, by helping out with essential work around the grounds of St Anne's RC Church in Prescot Road.

For two weeks they cleaned and painted areas of the pastoral centre and surrounding area, cleaned an area for children and young people to play basketball, as well as planting bulbs in the garden area at the front of the parish.

They fundraised by bag–packing at Morrisons in Ormskirk to allow them to complete the project.

They are currently completing the Prince's Trust Team programme with West Lancashire College, to give them the skills and confidence to find a job. During the 12–week course, they have been fundraising, helping communities and building their skills to help them find work.

Jamie Flavell, Prince's Trust team leader for Ormskirk, said: "Everyone involved has worked exceptionally hard during the project. The weather conditions were challenging to say the least during the heatwave, but we managed to complete on time."

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Cream tea treat for carers

CARERS and residents from across West Lancashire enjoyed a cream tea afternoon at Aughton Village Hall.

Abacus Care, who provide homecare and nursing services based in Ormskirk, invited carers, those being cared for in local nursing homes, sheltered housing and over–55s from across West Lancashire to the event.

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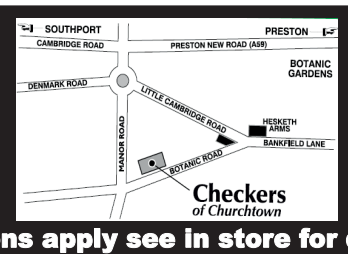

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Popular musical festival hits the right notes

Report by **Henry James**

BICKERSTOCK 2013, the 11th staging of the ever–popular mix of live music – ranging from jazz to rock, and folk to Indie – and family entertainment, once again proved a great success, raising a four–figure sum that will be used to help local good causes and fund next year's event.

The annual event in Bickerstaffe was officially opened at noon on Saturday, August 3 by Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire, Councillor Iain and Mrs Beverley Ashcroft, who were welcomed to the festival by members of the Bickerstock planning committee and founder, Paul Draper.

The now traditional community event, held on the preceding Friday night, was very well attended and saw the Ceilidh band perform.

Polker Dice opened Bickerstock, playing on the main Garden Stage, followed by international reggae and soca musician, Sheldon Blackman and the Soul Rebels.

Music continued throughout the day with The Xander Brothers, Redeyed Jedi, The Orchid Hunters, Matchstick Men, Threds, The Wayne Carrick Band and on the smaller, indoor stage, local groups, such as the very popular Trez Fez gypsy jazz band, the Rag Tag Misfits, Jim Holmes, Richard Bradshaw and Tony Schofield.

Refreshments were provided by the ladies of Bickerstaffe Holy Trinity CE church.

There were opportunities for individuals to perform at the open mic sessions in The Local. Eight–year–old Jake gave a singing performances and Saturday night came to a close on the Garden Stage with the 14–piece band We The Unsigned.

Sunday saw John Casey Blues Band starting things off again at noon on the Garden Stage, followed by Simon Grady, The Late Poets and Psychic Robots, while audiences sang along to the tunes provided by the Rainford Uklele Group and listened to singer/songwriters Stu Wainwright and the young Flora Golden and The Grounded.

The festival came to a close with one of the George's Big Shed.

All musicians, artists and volunteers gave their time for free, helping to raise lots of money for charity.

All food concessions and stalls donated part or all of their profits to Bickerstock and appreciative audiences showed their enjoyment with applause and monetary donations which will help fund Bickerstock 2014 as well as good causes.

Amanda Bennett from the Bickerstock organising committee said: "The first Bickerstock was held in 2002 and it has gone from strength to strength ever since with 2013 being no exception.

"The three aims of Bickerstock are to bring the community together; to provide a showcase for local musicians in a festival setting; to raise money for charity.

"Bickerstock is a chance for locals and those from further field alike to meet up with old friends and to make new ones, in a true music festival setting.

"Bickerstock 2013 was a resounding success and thanks go to everyone who contributed in any way, including Bickerstaffe Parish Council who permitted the festival to go ahead on the beautiful parish field."

Anyone who would like to get involved in Bickerstock 2014, can follow the event on Facebook 'Bickerstock – the official Facebook Group' or go to www.bickerstock.org.

West Lancs Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor Iain and Mrs Beverley Ashcroft get into the swing of things at Bickerstock 2013. Code1061201

Drivers urged to check their licences are up to date

A CHARITY which promotes the interests of older people is urging residents to make sure their driving licences up to date in order to avoid a hefty fine.

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Premier League Print

As the new Premier League season edges ever closer, you'd be forgiven for thinking that the last couple of months have been a quiet time in and around the football community, well in fact you couldn't be more wrong! No sooner has the old season finished preparation begins for the new season ahead. This applies not only to the football clubs themselves, but also the many suppliers who support those clubs, not with the scarves and rattles of the adoring fans, but with support and expertise from local businesses who ensure that your half time sausage roll is tasty or your season ticket arrives on time!

This is where Formby resident Jon Aindow of LT Print Group earns his corn through his knowledge of print and design, coupled with his commitment to provide great customer service to local sporting institutions and in particular, the football community. Jon's portfolio of football club clients range from the likes of Liverpool in the Premier League through to Southport of the Skrill Premier.

> "I am always looking for more introductions which is where BNI has helped..."

LT Print was established some 40 years ago and has always had a good reputation for both quality and service across many market sectors. These include leisure and hospitality where they boast an equally sought after client base including some of the big London hotels like Claridges and The Savoy, along with the closer to home Formby Hall Golf Resort Hotel & Spa and The Vincent in Southport.

LT Print has only just started working closely with Southport FC due to Jon meeting up with Hadyn Preece who is in charge of community and commercial projects for Southport FC at a local BNI meeting. The LINKS chapter of the ever popular BNI format of networking, which meet at Formby Hall every Thursday morning, enabled both LT Print and Southport FC form a strong relationship. They have started working very closely on print projects including the 2013/14 fixture lists which are currently available from the Club.

Jon commented; "I was only too happy to have met Hadyn at BNI as this gave me an opportunity to show him first hand. not only the kind of quality print we produce, but also the vast range of products we have available to sporting clubs. These range from match day tickets through to perimeter signage and everything in between! Not sure if my sell became easier to Southport when I confirmed that my dad was former Southport player (legend in his words), Roger Aindow. Hadyn was only too happy to show me round Haig Avenue and point out some of the black and white photos from Southport's golden era, including my dad."

The range of work we have produced for Liverpool FC over the last couple of months is staggering and all obviously date critical. The staff at LT Print have coped with the pressure fantastically well and with just over a week to go to the big kick off, all seems to have gone to plan.

LT Print and Jon can be contacted on the main number of 0151 647 8006 or if you're a local business looking to network at BNI, give him a call or drop an email to jonaindow@ltprintgroup.co.uk

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Win a family day out at the iconic Albert Dock

AS Albert Dock celebrates its 25th birthday this year, it is living up to its reputation as being one of the world's finest, family–friendly destinations as it boasts a jam–packed programme of events and special offers that makes for the perfect day out.

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All four corners of the dock will come alive with Threshold programming some of their favourites and live performances from the Merseycats and Xander and the Peace Pirates.

There will also be plenty of lively, family entertainment to enjoy including giant seagull puppets, sea–themed stilt–walkers, the riotous French Painters, a Punch and Judy show, and much more!

As well as this, the dock will play host to a LIMF's pop up gallery from August 22 to September 22, which will feature artwork and photography from a range of talents.

The dock offers visitors of all ages something exciting to do and see, including some of Liverpool's most popular museums such as Merseyside Maritime Museum and The Beatles Story and art galleries, not to mention a huge variety of quality restaurants, bars and shops, all located in this unique waterfront setting.

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We have not so much a dog dirt problem as a bandwagon one

FORGET cars and roads for the moment – let's talk about one man and his dog.

Now, as I have said many times, I am totally, absolutely and completely against those dog owners who do not clean up after their animals.

So when I received my local edition and saw the front page splash urging folk to help remove this supposed menace, I was pleased. Right? Wrong!

The piece says 'calls' are being made for stricter enforcement of dog fouling laws – because hardly anyone has been fined in the area in five years.

Might this not be because there are, in fact, comparatively few instances of this foul deed occurring?

I walk Tina more than 45 miles each week around Maghull, Aughton and Ormskirk and yes, occasionally I do see dog poo – and it is disgusting.

But contrary to perceived wisdom, it is in fact very rare.

There is far more broken glass around than dog dirt – and I have seen for myself the hurt and anguish this can cause to dogs (let along the vet bills).

I should think it would cause equal distress to kiddies too – particularly to legs, arms, face and of course eyes.

Yet strangely this menace is little mentioned and pogroms against offenders are rarely discussed.

Perhaps the perpetrators are rather more unpleasant than your average pooch owner?

And I was disappointed too in the attitude of Councillor Tony Robertson, a good friend of mine, who has chosen to jump aboard this creaky old bandwagon.

For as long as I can remember, councillors have found this a convenient subject to tackle. It's a safe bet with the punters. No–one is going to say they support owners of dirty dogs, are they?

In the last five years, how many people in Lydiate, Maghull and Aintree have been fined for dropping litter? How many for daubing graffiti?

How many, indeed, for smashing beer or spirit bottles and glasses over the pavement? And apparently, if a Sefton environmental officer catches a non poop scooper in the act and he or she clears away the mess, no fine is issued.

How many folk wielding a broken bottle have been approached I wonder. They are 'let off' because nobody cares to go anywhere near them.

A change in Sefton's dog fouling policy is apparently about to take place and people have (by now) less than three weeks in which to express their views.

There will, or course, be few who want a modicum of common sense speaking out – and if they did they would be ignored.

Odd, isn't it, that the same council which is totally ignoring the wishes of the majority its constituents when it come to building on the Green Belt, is happy to concur with the rabid few who think we are up to our necks in dog poo.

But don't forget, Councillor Robertson represents Maghull Town Council. The same council that has withdrawn its free doggy bags to save a measly few quid.

I have talked with other dog owners who say that at present they often pick up mess others have left behind – but probably won't once they have to pay for their own bags.

I know this column will bring down piles of excrement on my head but I also know that dog mess is not the most important thing in the world locally.

I say to various local councillors, and again to Tony Robertson.

Take a walk around and see the extent of the problem – and other things which could and should be tackled but which are not.

Residents' show of strength in green belt development battle

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

THERE was a real show of strength by Halsall residents who turned out in force to a public meeting over the ongoing green belt Local Plan issue.

The meeting was organised by Halsall Residents Action Group (RAP) who are fighting to prevent West Lancashire Borough Council opening up green belt land on New Cut Lane for a proposed development of 150 new homes.

RAP member, Raymond Belcher said. "We were absolutely delighted to see so many people turn up, we can't thank everyone enough.

"This overwhelming support sends a very clear signal to the council that we may be small in size due to our rural location but we have a big voice and they ignore us at their peril.

"People from all over Halsall and surrounding areas want this plan stopped."

The presentation was followed by a question and answer session with residents challenging local councillors on a number of points.

These included lack of effective communication and the actual deliverability of the New Cut Lane site.

Halsall Parish Councillor Barry Critchley reiterated the parish council's support for the residents.

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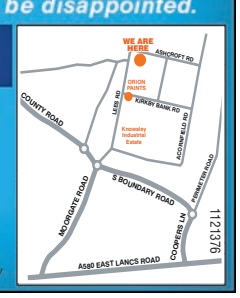

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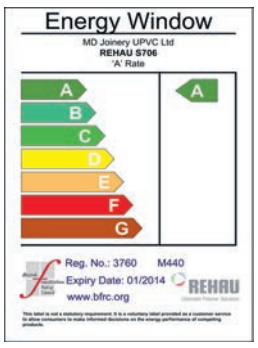

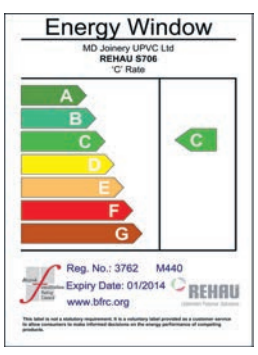

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Rally aces to showcase their skills at MotorFest

THERE is a chance to watch successful rally drivers showcase their technical skills in competition action for free at this year's Ormskirk MotorFest on Sunday, August 25 .

Organisers, Aintree Circuit Club, invited experienced race and rally drivers to take part in the MotorFest Autosolo Challenge at Park Pool, which starts at about 11.30am.

The challenge will take place before the main parades and will add a competitive element to MotorFest. Drivers will put their skills to the test, timed to a hundredth of a second, over a short and low–speed course.

Youngest driver taking part will be 17–year–old Ryan Burns, who recently won his class in the Cetus Stages race at the Three Sisters Course in Wigan.

Ryan started racing in go–karts when he was eight but this was just his second rally in his Nissan Micra Formula 1000. Rallying is in his blood as his father David has been racing for 26 years, winning his class at many rallies and coming second in the British Trial and Rally Drivers Association Championships in 1994. David is also taking part in the Autosolo Challenge.

Professional rally drivers Gary Wright and Tim Rodgers are among the drivers taking part in the challenge.

Gary is currently the leading driver in Class RC2 of the NGK Spark Plugs British Rally Championships Challenge in his MG ZR. Tim shares his Ford Fiesta ST with partner Becky Kirvan who drove the vehicle to become 2011 British Rally Championship Challenge Ladies champion.

Tim was fifth in Class RC4 in this year's Jim Clark Rally and was running second in the RSAC Motorsport Scottish Rally when an incident in the final stage forced him out of the rally.

The Ormskirk MotorFest is a free event organised by Aintree Circuit Club and supported by West Lancs Borough Council.

The Club has introduced the challenge after the success of a similar test of skill in July 2013. It will be one of many attractions lined up for this year's motoring extravaganza.

Councillor Martin Forshaw, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for planning and development, said: "The Autosolo Challenge is an exciting new attraction for this year's MotorFest and I am sure people will really enjoy watching these professional drivers."

Tim Rodgers. Pic by Matthew Cotton

Mike Ashcroft, Aintree Circuit Club chairman, said: "We were pleased to be able to organise this Autosolo Challenge which will give people a rare opportunity to see professional drivers in action on their doorstep."

Between 250 and 300 vehicles from all eras of motoring will be on static displays on Moor Street, Aughton Street and Coronation Park. Many of these will take part in parades around the town centre.

The Santa Pod Dragster has been very popular over the last couple of years and returns to the MotorFest this year. Other vehicles include 1950s bubble cars, rally, racing and stock car competition vehicles.

The displays will be open to the public from 11am onwards and the parades are due to take place between 2.30 and 4.30pm. Timings of events during the day are subject to change.

Visitors to the MotorFest can also enjoy the Vintage and Handmade Fair in the town centre on the same day.

To enter your car or motorcycle into the Ormskirk MotorFest go to www.ormskirkmotorfest.com. Organisers are particularly looking for competition cars.

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A case of room for improvement

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

Report on county's court custody facilities calls for better standards

A REPORT investigating court cells across Lancashire has found that standards need improving.

Nick Hardwick, Chief Inspector of Prisons, said that although detainees were generally treated with care, greater scrutiny was needed to drive up standards.

The report, published last week, detailed inspections of court custody facilities in Lancashire and Cumbria at five crown courts, seven magistrates courts and four combined magistrates and youth courts, including Ormskirk Magistrates' and Youth Court.

The inspection, the third in a new programme of inspections of court custody carried out by HM Inspectorate of Prisons, was held while courts and tribunal service were being streamlined into a into a single service.

GEOAmey, a leading provider of rehabilitation detention and treatment services was contracted to provide the custody and escort operations for Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service in the region.

Inspectors were concerned to find that important policy changes were communicated by email, which staff said were sometimes confusing and lacked context, while the cells varied in cleanliness.

Staff said there were delays in receiving placement orders from the Youth Justice Board, without which young people cannot be moved to custodial facilities, and opportunities to discuss and resolve such issues were ad hoc, with only a court user group in existence.

Another problem which arose was the lack of formal risk assessment process and the use of handcuffs was excessive and sometimes inappropriate.

Also, staff received no safeguarding or child protection training and had little knowledge or awareness about mental health or substance misuse issues.

In all but one of the suites, all detainees had to sit on hard benches, possibly for several hours.

However, inspectors were pleased to find that interactions between staff and detainees were courteous; there were arrangements to transport detainees to prison as soon as possible and health care providers were available and staff knew how to access them.

Nick Hardwick said: "Detainees were generally treated with care, although the physical conditions of some cells were very poor.

"HMCTS needs to exercise greater scrutiny and oversight in monitoring standards in their buildings.

"There need to be better communications systems to ensure that staff understand policies and practices so that the conditions of detention can improve.

"Staff should be aware of basic safeguarding, child protection, mental health and substance misuse issues."

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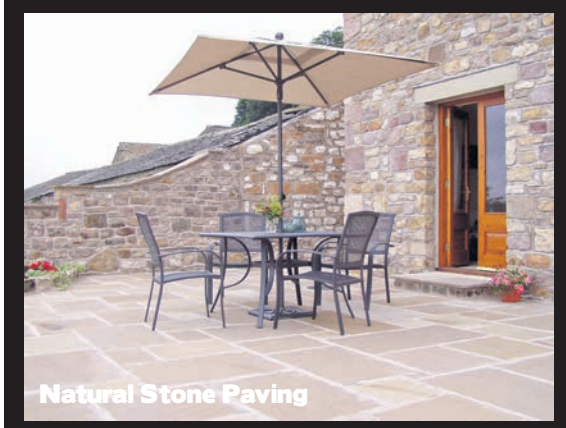

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Solicitor slams plans to up small claims limit

Report by **Henry James**

PROPOSALS to increase the small claims limit for personal injury cases could have a damaging impact on access to justice, according to a local solicitor.

David Lunn, a partner at Dickinson Parker Hill Solicitors in Ormskirk, believes the changes would make it harder for people who have suffered an accident to bring a claim for compensation. And he claims the proposals are being influenced by potentially inaccurate figures and lobbying by the insurance industry.

The current small claims limit is £1,000 with the likelihood that this will be increased to £5,000 and possibly higher in the near future.

David Lunn said: "The proposed changes will mean that if you are injured through somebody else's negligence then you may be left to the mercy of the insurance companies in relation to how much compensation you receive.

"Increasing the small claims limit will reduce the number of firms who would be willing to take on your case."

The decision to increase the small claims limit for personal injury cases is being opposed by the Law Society and the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers.

Recently MPs on the Commons Transport Select Committee gave a damning report on the cost of motor insurance. They warned the government that plans to cut the cost of whiplash claims by increasing the small claims limit will instead impair access to justice and leave many injured people unrepresented.

Mr Lunn added: "The Association of British Insurers has said that accident claims have been driving up insurance premiums. This is simply not true and is based on inaccurate figures and hyperbole. Other recent changes to the way personal injury cases are handled have already come into effect but I doubt many people have seen their car insurance premiums come down.

"It seems that the government has accepted all the arguments put forward by the insurance industry and seems to be favouring the interests of big business over those of the individual."

David Lunn **Code NA**

Christine wants your ghost stories

Report by **Henry James**

PIANO teacher Christine Clayton is hoping to strike the right chord with publishers and readers alike when she completes her latest mission – writing a book about ghosts of Lancashire.

Christine, from Aughton, who also gives singing lessons and teaches speech and drama, started work on the book a few weeks ago.

She said: "I have always had an interest in the supernatural and love the subject.

"Some people see ghosts, some see angels, while strange things happen to other people. There are also instances where folk have had signs from loved ones."

And she is looking to gather contributions for the book from people in the county who may have experienced ghostly enounters.

"I have had a few contributions already, obviously mainly from people I know.

"But now I am looking further afield and would welcome stories and information from anyone who has had a supernatural experience.

"I'd love to hear from anyone who thinks they might be able to help. They can email me at claytonchristine@hotmail.co.uk."

Christine, who also works as a distributor for the Champion, is not completely new to the publishing world, having previously contributed to an anthology about Blackburn.

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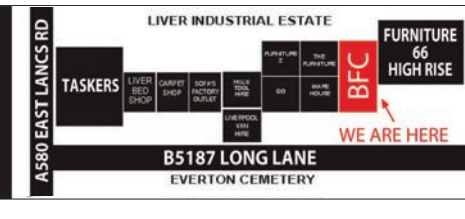

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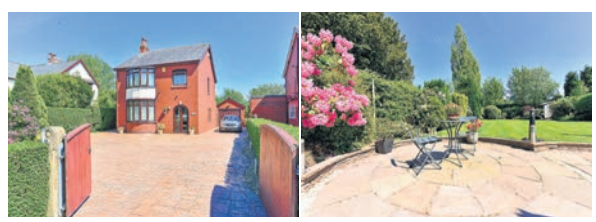

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City's first month–long Music Festival launches this weekend

Report by
Henry James

HIGH profile artists from across the globe are to gather in the city for the inaugural Liverpool International Music Festival.

The festival takes place between this Sunday (August 18) and September 22 at multiple venues across the city.

Neil Young and Crazy Horse to pop chart–toppers JLS, Little Mix and Eliza Doolittle to homegrown group Soul II Soul to an array of world music artists featuring Trinidadian megastar Machel Montano and British Indian singer–songwriter Navin Kundra.

The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra are set to perform a specially commissioned piece written by chief composer, Vasily Petrenko, on an open air stage in Sefton Park.

The outdoor arena will be a platform of different music genres over the weekend culminating with Pop In The Park headlined by Soul II Soul and supported by Liverpool's The Christians, Deaf School and Connie Lush.

This festival also encompasses the alternative Summer Camp Festival showcasing Mount Kimbie, Ghostpoet and Martha Wainwright, The annual International Beatleweek and the 2013 Liverpool Music Awards. A dynamic fringe festival will also run alongside proceedings with more than 100 events taking place in pubs and clubs across the city.

The Liverpool International Music Festival is part of the legacy of Liverpool's year as European Capital of Culture in 2008. Conceived by mayor of Liverpool Joe Anderson and director of culture Claire McColgan, the festival is curated by Yaw Owusu, a Liverpudlian who wanted to remind the world that the city is still at the heart of the international music scene.

Yaw said: "Liverpool International Music Festival is focused on three things, creating greatness, discovering the new and inspiring the next.

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The concerts take place in the Arena Auditorium at Parbold Village Hall, and offer a rare opportunity to hear some of today's greatest musicians in an intimate setting.

For 40 years Parbold's concert series has attracted performers of the highest reputation, and the 2013–14 season is no exception. Highlights include appearances by Craig Ogden, one of the world's finest classical guitarists; Martin Carthy, arguably the most influential folk musician of his generation; the compelling Russian violinist Alina Ibragimova, and distinguished piano virtuoso Nikolai Demidenko.

The season opens on Saturday, September 14 with a recital of Romantic violin repertoire featuring violinist Eloisa–Fleur Thom and pianist Mark Austin. The evening will include some of the most lyrical, dramatic and appealing works written for solo violin and piano, from the heartrendingly beautiful Third Violin Sonata by Johannes Brahms to the quintessentially English Violin Sonata by Edward Elgar. The concert will feature the ever popular Meditation from Jules Massenet's opera Thaïs and will end with the passionate DanseEspagnole by Manuel de Falla.

Nikolai Demidenko's recital on Saturday, October 12 promises to be one of the musical highlights of the year. Demidenko, the Russian giant of the keyboard, is widely lauded as one of the most significant pianists performing today and his visit to Parbold is testimony to the high calibre of the concert season. He will be performing a recital of works by Franz Schubert, which he performed at Wigmore Hall, London last year to critical acclaim.

A particularly warm welcome is expected for Amanda Roocroft, who grew up in Coppull and trained in Manchester at the Royal Northern College of Music. She has secured an international reputation as one of Britain's most exciting singers and in 2007 won an Olivier Award for Outstanding Achievement in Opera. She will be joined by accompanist Jonathan Middleton for her recital on Saturday, November 2 in a dramatic programme Tell me the Truth about Love.

On Saturday, November 30 the Trusler Carroll Wass Piano Trio will perform a recital of orchestral works by Beethoven, arranged for violin, cello and piano. The Trio – Matthew Trusler (violin), Thomas Carroll (cello) and Ashley Wass (piano) – is building a reputation for exploring repertoire not frequently performed in the concert hall.

Bringing 2013 to a close will be the Pemberton Old Wigan DW Brass Band on Saturday, December 14, under the banner 'Christmas Truce'. The championship band from Wigan will look back to the winter of 1914, and evoke a century of wars, courage, humour, fortitude, comradeship and universal desire for peace and renewal that is Christmas. There will be a collection at the concert for the White Poppy Appeal.

Looking ahead to 2014, the Douglas Music Society will welcome Martin Carthy on Saturday, January 11 – "arguably the greatest English folk song performer and writer of them all" (Q Magazine). Saturday, February 8 will see the welcome return of pianist Sunwook Kim, the youngest winner of the prestigious Leeds International Piano Competition in 2006 aged just 18.

A lively night is in store on Saturday, March 8 when the New Orleans Wiggle Band and Marilyn Middleton will perform blues, spirituals and popular songs depicting the harsh and happy times in the Mississippi delta, from a period 100 years ago.

Amanda Roocroft pic by Anthony Roocroft Code NA

The eminent Australian guitarist Craig Ogden will perform a programme for solo guitar on Saturday, April 12, and the season ends with a very special opportunity to hear the Russian violinist Alina Ibragimova in a concert of solo repertoire by King of the Violin, the Belgian violinist and composer Ysaÿe.

For further information or to purchase tickets, visit www.parbolddouglasmusic.org or call 01257 498452 or 01257 462382. All concerts take place on Saturday evenings and begin at 7.45pm.

Show to rock into resort

Report by
Ollie Cowan

THAT'LL Be The Day is rocking into the resort this Summer with their brand new production for 2013.

Nostalgia, music and comedy top the bill when That'll Be The Day plays at The Southport Theatre on Saturday, August 24

All about nostalgia, TBTD reflects the music and tone of an era that changed the course of music history and youth culture forever.

The show was established on the cabaret circuit in the late 1980's and began playing regional theatres in the early 1990's.

Having delighted audiences throughout the UK for over two decades, That'll Be The Day is back on the road this autumn with comedy routines and favourite hits from the 1950's, 60's and 70's.

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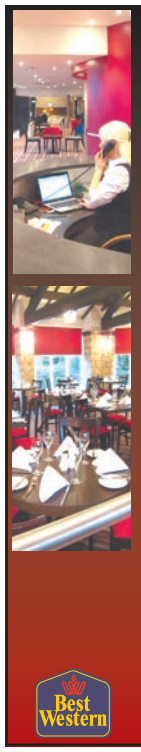

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Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 - Article 13

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2013/0810/FUL Erection of two pairs of semi-detached affordable homes with off road car parking at Land Between 30 And 44, Heatons Bridge Road, Scarisbrick.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2013/0823/FUL Demolition of existing social club and erection of two 3 storey apartment blocks comprising 12 no. 2 bedroom self contained flats. New vehicular/pedestrian access and provision of 16 car parking spaces at Skelmersdale Social Club, Witham Road, Skelmersdale.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2013/0843/FUL* Retention of single storey side extension at Summer Cottage, 1B Summerwood Lane, Halsall.
Application No: 2013/0862/LBC Listed Building Consent - Single storey extension to side at 4 Briars Lane, Burscough.
Application No: 2013/0863/FUL* Single storey extension to side at 4 Briars Lane, Burscough.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
* Householder Applications
In the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any comments made will be sent to the Secretary of State, and there will be no further opportunity to comment.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI
Assistant Director Planning
Dated: 14th August 2013
PDNOT682

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 107 BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has agreed to the above Order remaining in force until the 13th March, 2014, the effect of which is to temporarily prohibit any pedestrian from proceeding over that length of Public Footpath No. 107 Burscough, Borough of West Lancashire, indicated below:-

That part of Public Footpath No.107 Burscough, West Lancashire Borough commencing at Point A (GR 4461 1189) at its junction with Mill Lane, Burscough West Lancashire Borough and running in a generally south westerly direction for a distance of approximately 444 metres to Point B (GR SD 4440 1157) and its junction with Junction Lane, Burscough West Lancashire Borough.

The temporary closure is necessary on the grounds of public safety whilst demolition works are carried out on site prior to site development.

I FISHER
County Secretary and Solicitor, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, PRESTON PR1 8XJ

NOT PART OF THE STATUTORY NOTICE

The plan on site shows the route to be closed as A - B. Lancashire County Council is informed that an alternative route marked A - D – C – B is available.

The alternative route has not been inspected in connection with this closure. Please contact the Countryside Service on 01772 534709 if necessary.

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MOTORFEST VEHICLE PARADE EVENT, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
(TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ONE-WAY TRAFFIC) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council ("The County Council") intend to make an Order under **Section 16A** of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycle (apart from those participating in the parade) from proceeding over the full lengths of road, unless otherwise stated, in Ormskirk, in the Borough of West Lancashire, the details of which are set out in the Schedule to this Notice.

Alternative routes for vehicular traffic affected by the closure will be:

i) A570 Liverpool Road (Bickerstaffe) – A506 Liverpool Road (Bickerstaffe) – Long Lane (Bickerstaffe) – Long Lane (Aughton) - B5197 Prescot Road – B5197 St Annes Road – A59 Holburn Hill – A59 County Road and vice versa.

ii) A570 Ormskirk Road (Bickerstaffe) – A570 St Helens Road – A570 Knowsley Road – A577 Wigan Road and vice versa.

Pedestrian access to properties will be available at all times. Vehicular access to properties will be restricted.

The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the holding of the "Motorfest" Vehicle Parade event.

The prohibition will be operative from 1430 hours until 1700 hours on Sunday 25th August 2013, or sooner if the event finishes earlier

AND FURTHER, the one-way traffic restrictions on Moorgate, Ormskirk, will be suspended during the event.

Paul Dunne
Public Realm Manager Preston and South Ribble
Lancashire Highway Services, Lancashire County Council,
0845 053 0011 [Ref: HEM/226/8/841/GLH]

Schedule of Temporary Road Closures

Motorfest Vehicle Parade Event, Ormskirk 2013

Road	Section of Road Affected
A570 Derby Street West	Whole
A570 Derby Street	From its junction with B5319 Burscough Street to its junction with A570 Stanley Street
A570 Stanley Street	From its junction with A570 Derby Street to its junction with A577 Moor Street/Wigan Road
A577 Moor Street	From its junction with A577 Wigan Road to its junction with A577 St Helens Road
A577 St Helens Road	From its junction with A577 Moor Street to its junction with A570 Park Road
A570 Park Road	From its junction with A577 St Helens Road to its junction with A570 Church Street
A570 Church Street	From its junction with A570 Park Road to its junction with A570 Derby Street West

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Of Ormskirk

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Congratulations and love to you all from Mum and Dad and all family and friends celebrating with you at Mossock Hall Golf Club on Saturday August 17th 2013

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF MAKING
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(WIGAN ROAD, TOWER HILL, THOMPSON AVENUE, LATHAM AVENUE AND TAYLOR AVENUE, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(REVOCATION, PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 14 August 2013 Lancashire County Council made the above Traffic Regulation Order under Sections 1, 2, and 4 of any part IV of Schedule 9 of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to:

1. Revoke those parts of "Lancashire County Council (West Lancashire Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to:
a) Schedule 11.075 Item (23) Wigan Road, Ormskirk a) the north side, from the western boundary of No. 35 in an easterly direction for a distance of 540 metres to the eastern boundary of No. 175;
b) Schedule 11.075 Item (23) Wigan Road, Ormskirk b) the south side, (iii) from the western boundary of No. 118 in an easterly direction for a distance of 98 metres to the eastern boundary of No.138.

2. Introduce No Waiting At Any Time along the following length of roads in the Borough of West Lancashire:
a) Latham Avenue, Ormskirk, the north side, from the centre line of Taylor Avenue for a distance of 84 metres in a southerly and easterly direction;
b) Latham Avenue, Ormskirk, the south side, from the centre line of Thompson Avenue for a distance of 16 metres in a westerly direction;
c) Taylor Avenue, Ormskirk, the east and south side, from the centre line of Latham Avenue for a distance of 36 metres in a north and easterly direction;

3. Introduce No Waiting from Mon-Fri inclusively between the hours of 9am-5pm along the following length of roads in the Borough of West Lancashire:
a) Latham Avenue, Ormskirk, the south side, from a point 16 metres west of the centre line of Thompson Avenue for a distance of 116 metres in a westerly direction;
b) Taylor Avenue, Ormskirk, the south side, from a point 16 metres west of the centre line of Thompson Avenue for a distance of 102 metres in a westerly direction;
c) Thompson Avenue, Ormskirk, the west side, from a point 17 metres north of the centre line of Taylor Avenue for a distance of 126 metres in a northerly direction.

4. Introduce No Waiting from Mon-Sat inclusively between the hours of 8am-6pm along the following length of roads in the Borough of West Lancashire:
a) Wigan Road, Ormskirk, the north side, from a point 17.5 metres east of the centre line of Tower Hill for a distance of 202 metres in an easterly direction;
b) Wigan Road, Ormskirk, the north side, from a point 53.5 metres east of the centre line of Windmill Avenue to a point 17 metres west of the centre line of Tower Hill;
c) Wigan Road, Ormskirk, the south side, from a point 24 metres east of the centre line of Tower Hill for a distance of 196.5 metres in a south-easterly direction.

This Order will come into force on the 19th August 2013. A copy of the Order, and all other relevant documents may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of the West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF, and at the offices of The County Secretary and Solicitor, Lancashire County Council, County Hall, PO Box 78, Preston PR1 8XJ, [quoting ref: LSG4/5.44785/TRO/RH3]. Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or of any of its provisions on the grounds that it or they are not within the powers conferred by the Act, or that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument made under the Act has not been complied with, that person may, within 6 weeks from the date on which the order is made, apply for the purpose to the High Court.

Ian Fisher, County Secretary and Solicitor
14 August 2013

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Announcements

BIRTHDAYS

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Siân

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Drummond

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Miles of smiles from Nans and Grangrans
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DUMKOW DANIEL

13/08/13

Happy 18th Birthday

And congratulations on getting into university.

We are all proud of you. Lot's of love Mum, Dad, Chris, Grandma, Grandad, Auntie Alison & Uncle Eddie
XXX

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Sweet 16

GEORGIA GAGEN aka "GG"

Happy Birthday Beautiful

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Nanna, Grandad and your huge family
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BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

CHEETHAM Julie

August 19th

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ROBINSON George

17th August 1931

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ALLEN Joan

15th August

Happy birthday Mum. We will all raise a glass for you. Love and miss you always, your daughters & son-in laws Annette, Alan, Paula & Mark XXXX

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RIDING Helen

The Riding and Goodier family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy, sympathy cards, floral tributes and donations received during the recent sad loss of Helen, and especially for their attendance at the funeral service.

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IN MEMORIAM

MARSHALL Doreen Yvonne

(Formerly Johnson)

20th August 2012

You are forever in our hearts, our thoughts and cherished memories.

On behalf of your loving Son Malcom, your family, friends and neighbours.

1121391

DEATHS

WARRENER Alma Elizabeth (Betty)

Monday 5th August, aged 70 years

Betty passed away peacefully at home after a long illness, surrounded by her family. Beloved wife of Les, much loved mum of Derek and Jill, loving nan to grandaughter Kimmy and dear sister of Roy, Ann and David. Many thanks to Clatterbridge Cancer Centre, Queenscourt Hospice and the district nurses.

'Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes, shine through the gloom and point me towards the skies.'

42956

FULTON KAREN (nee Shaw)

9th August 2013

Sadly passed away at home surrounded by her family.
In life we know that none of us will live forever. Some day our loved ones will pass and no matter how hard we may try, it is never easy to say goodbye.
You are gone Karen, but you will never be forgotten. Loving Brother John, Sister In Law Carole, Nephews John & Michael, Niece Gemma & all their families.
xxxx

42419

FULTON Karen Bernadette

on 9th August 2013

Peacfully at home aged 54 years.

Much loved & greatly missed Mum, Nan, Sister & Daughter, will be sadly missed by all her family & friends. Requiem mass will be held at St. Mary Queen of Apostle Church on Friday 16th August at 9.30am followed by interment at Ford Cemetary Liverpool. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel: 01695 559868

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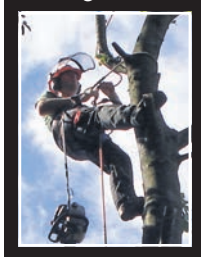
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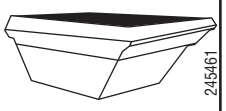
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New Vauxhall engine debut for Cascada

The Cascada will be the first Vauxhall to get the new engine

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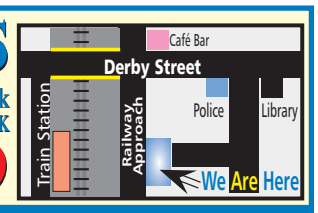

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55 VW Polo 5-Dr Hatch, service history, CD player, c/locking, 12 months MOT, PAS £3295
55 Renault Clio 3-Dr Hatchback, in black, service history, Full MoT, PAS, low insurance £2495
09 Vauxhall Corsa 1400cc 5-Dr Hatch, finished in midnight black, petrol, FSH, only 30,000 miles, A/C, multi stack CD, r/locking £5495
05 Nissan Almera Tino, in silver metallic, low mileage with only 50,000 from new, full MOT, 2 owners, PAS, low insurance, only group 5 ... £2395

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53 Nissan Micra S 5-Dr Hatch, in sky blue met, very low mileage - only 41,000 from new, only grp 2 insurance, PAS, CD, FSH, full MOT ... £2395
08 Suzuki S4 4WD, in sage metallic, Suzuki alloy wheels, full s/history, 1 owner, full 12 months MOT £4995
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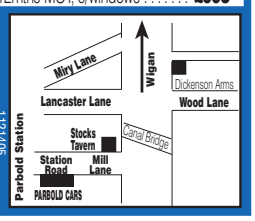

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2009 (09) JAGUAR XF 3.0 V6S PREMIUM LUXURY AUTO 4-Dr, Diesel, black, 59,000 miles, service history, full VOSA MOT history, huge spec, beautiful car..... **£15,990**

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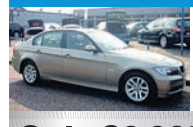

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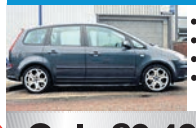

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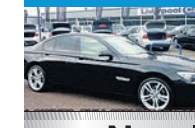

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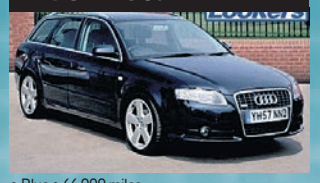

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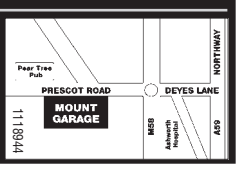

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Armstrong century steers Ormskirk to 75–run win

ORMSKIRK retained second place in the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition, coming away from Highfield with a 75–run win.

Taking first knock, the visitors compiled an impressive 246–4 from 41 overs, thanks largely to a John Armstrong century.

Skipper Ian Robinson chipped in with an unbeaten 33.

In Highfield's reply 5–67 from Liam Hurt and 3–26 from Martyn Farrell helped to dismiss the home men for 171, with Andy Hargreaves and Jim Ashton both scoring 42.

Northern remain top after a six–wicket win at Wallasey.

The home side elected to bat and were then dismantled for 112 with last man Matty Hughes top–scoring with 26, whilst Stephen Cole (5–64) and Tom Bailey (3–21) were the pick of the bowling attack.

In reply an unbeaten 29 from skipper James Cole helped lead Northern to 113–4 to wrap up a maximum points victory.

In the basement battle Fleetwood Hesketh played host to Hightown and came out on top with a commanding 103 run victory.

After electing to bat first the hosts made 217, thanks in the main to an opening century partnership between Neil Rimmer (73) and Alex Halsall (50), with Rob Gamble claiming 5–46. In reply the visitors succumbed to 114 all out, with Gamble stranded on 63, whilst Matt Collins claimed 4–40.

Southport & Birkdale were well beaten at home by Lytham. After deciding to bat first the hosts were bowled out for 143, with Mark Fletcher (37) and Dave Aston (28) top scoring, whilst Anthony Mulligan (5–41) and Daniel Edwards (5–54) shared all 10 wickets to fall. In reply an unbeaten 75 from Dom O'Brien then led the visitors to 145–2 to wrap up an eight wicket win.

This weekend's local fixtures (noon start): Hightown v Highfield, Maghull v S&B, New Brighton v Fleetwood Hesketh, Northern v Bootle, Ormskirk v Wallasey, Birkenhead Park v Ainsdale, Rainhill v Formby and Spring View v Burscough.

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Five–wicket Rehan sinks sorry Saints

On Saturday, Skem CC 1st XI played at St Helens Town, looking for a win that would leapfrog them over their hosts.

The Saints won the toss and batted first but with just 12 on the board the first wicket fell when Gary Williams was given out LBW to Jonas Smith for 5 runs.

With opening bowlers Smith and Muhammed Rehan causing problems it was no surprise when the second wicket fell, with the score on 17. Smith again had another LBW decision given against Craig Woods. Only two more runs were added when the third wicket fell as David Gaskell was also trapped LBW off Rehan's bowling.

St Helens needed a partnership to help claw themselves back into the game. It was provided by Ian Knowles and James Davies who had a flurry of boundaries that flew over the slip cordon.

The fourth Saints wicket fell at 59, when Knowles was slickly caught by Hasnain Abbas for 29. As Davies was left to carry the load, St Helens lost wickets at regular intervals.

Michael Stark could only score two before being bowled for Louis Sweeney's second scalp.

Then the steady and reliable Davies was bowled by Rehan for 20. In the next over Josh Davies was dismissed to a splendid overhead catch from Matthew Fenney off Sweeney's bowling.

The home team were in serious trouble on 75 for 7. For a while it seemed like skipper Matthew Fisher and Chris Lyon were providing stubborn resistance, but with the score on 98, Lyon was dismissed caught by Ben Maddocks for 3. Liam Gaskell then survived three balls before being bowled by Rehan for a duck.

The final wicket fell with the St Helens score on 108, when Fisher was stumped by Luke Manley for 27 runs, to become Rehan's fifth wicket.

Phil Murgatroyd was the unbeaten batsman but had not been required to face a ball.

From the start of the Skem innings Joe Till looked uncomfortable, and after playing and missing on several occasions he was caught behind the stumps for a duck – not the start that Skem were expecting.

Ben Maddocks joined Jonas Smith and the pair moved Skem onto 33 when the second wicket fell. Maddocks was caught from a shot to gully having scored 5.

Hasnain Abbas came in and hit three fours from five balls faced, before being bowled for 14.

Kyle Till came in to shore up one end whilst Smith continued to accumulate runs confidently at the other end. The score had moved onto 61 when Smith became the fourth wicket to fall, caught in the slips for 36 valuable runs.

It was then left to skipper Barry Leadbetter (40) and Kyle Till (5) to see Skem home without further concerns.

In one over from Phil Murgatroyd they plundered 17 runs, which put Skem on the brink of victory.

At the close Skem were 111 for 4 wickets in the 24th over, which gained them the much–needed win and 25 points.

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It's been a long, long road back for Skem

United finally return to their 'pinnacle' after 37 years

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

BACK in April 1976 when Skelmersdale United last played a game in the Northern Premier League, Apple Computers was formed by Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak, James Callaghan became Prime Minister, punk rock band the Ramones released their first album, actor Sid James died on stage in Sunderland and the author of this article was a 16–year–old lad who was still at school!

It's fair to say that for most of the ensuing 37 years life for Skem has been hard, but due to the dedication and good organisation of a few and the ambition of a manager, they will be back at the pinnacle of the club's progression when they travel to Rushall Olympic on Saturday to take on the West Midlands–based club in what is now known as the Evo–Stik Premier Division.

United didn't finish in a relegation position in 1976 but elected to go down along with Fleetwood, allegedly for 'financial reasons' and were replaced by Frickley Athletic.

All the coach seats are booked up for Saturday and the road down to the little town that lies just north–east of Walsall will be busy with blue scarves.

Skem have not been dealt an easy hand for their return to the top. Rushall only missed out on the promotion play–offs last season by one place and are said to be determined to put that disappointment to bed this season – a point backed up by the fact that they had Skelmersdale watched as they played Stockport County last Saturday.

United manager Tommy Lawson has prepared well himself and he says his players are "ready for the challenge ahead."

After the Stockport game last Saturday he took his players out for a get–together meal at the Ship in Lathom and he added "morale and confidence is absolutely at its peak."

He also said on the match: "Saturday's game against Rushall, who on paper should be one of the better teams, will be a good indication of where the players are. I am looking forward to it."

Skelmersdale will have three injuries to deal with, two long–term and one described as "50–50" for Saturday.

Aaron Turner is not expected to be fit until about mid–September and full–back Lewis Field, is due to see a specialist about a groin injury.

However, there could be better news about defender Rob McIntosh, who has a knee injury that is reportedly responding well to treatment and could be right for the trip to Rushall.

After Saturday, Skelmersdale have two games at the West Lancashire College Stadium, when they face Nantwich Town on Tuesday, August 20, kick–off 7.45pm and follow by entertaining Ashton United on Saturday, August 24, kick–off 3pm.

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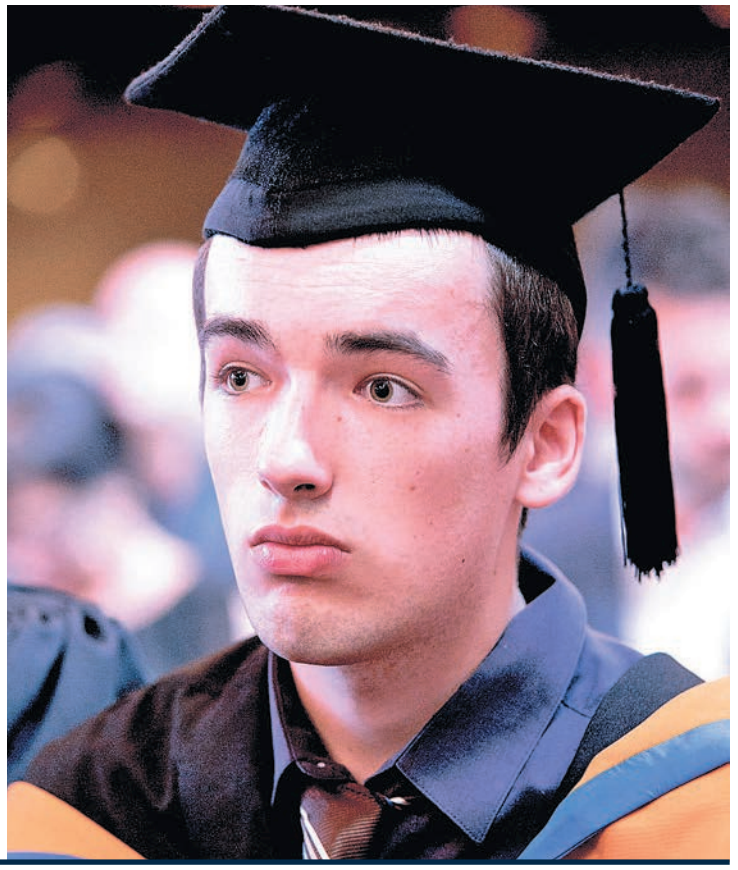
What our graduates say:

I have really enjoyed the course and have learnt a lot of in depth knowledge about computing. My tutors Tony and Marian have been brilliant and have helped when I've needed it. I have done IT and Computing since I left school so undertaking the Foundation Degree was the route for me. I am going to university this September and am looking forward to the challenges that it will bring. I would definitely recommend doing a Foundation Degree. The support, advice and skills I learnt have really prepared me or a career in Computing.

Connaire Gormley
Foundation Degree FdSc Applied Computing



What our graduates say:

I chose to study the Children and Young Peoples degree programme as I have always dreamt about a career working with children. I started at the college studying a Level 2 Diploma, progressed to a Level 3 Diploma and have loved every aspect of the college and courses. I have met lots of new friends and the lecturers are fantastic. In addition to studying, I also have a part time job which allowed me to earn whilst learning. I have now graduated and have enjoyed every minute.

Laura Norton
Foundation Degree FdA Children & Young People

What our graduates say:

I've really enjoyed my time on the course. The course has great links with industry and I've had the opportunity to work on professional sports people. I have learned a lot through the Sports Clinics by working on different people with different injuries. My work placements have given me the skills and knowledge needed to work in the industry. The tutors are really supportive and are always available if I need help. I'm looking forward to progressing onto my top-up year at Northampton University.

Michael Moran
Foundation Degree FdSc Sports Training and Rehabilitation

- **FREE**** Arriva Bus Pass and College Bus Service for 16-18 year olds from Kirkby, Fazakerley, Aintree, Old Roan and Maghull area
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Tuesday 20 – Friday 30 August* 2013 12 noon-7pm (Mon-Thur), 12 noon-4.30pm (Fri) @ Sports Hall, Skelmersdale Campus, College Way, Skelmersdale, WN8 6DX (Sat Nav postcode WN8 6LH).

*Please note: Thursday 22 August is School Leaver enrolment only and we will be open from 10am-7pm.
**Subject to availability and eligibility criteria check.

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- Complementary Therapies
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West Lancashire Construction Academy Glebe Road, Gillibrands Industrial Estate, Skelmersdale, Lancashire, WN8 9JP
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